



### West Lafayette Beautification Award

July, 2008

Winner: Jim and Mary Ann Fenn, 3000 Wilshire Avenue

Jim and Mary Ann Fenn moved to this home 19 years ago, and have gradually changed the design of the landscaping on this corner lot, improving it immensely. Jim eliminated most of the shrubbery in the front yards, opening up the view to more sunshine. He has a love affair with large boulders, and seeks out signature rocks to place in the plantings. This year, the annuals feature hot pink, the designated color for America in Bloom. There are unusual trees in the back yard including evergreens and an aspen brought back from Colorado. All are flourishing. A waterfall, named Fenns' Falls, is a feature along with flowers blooming in succession all season long. Tulips are a favorite of Jim's, and this spring he enjoyed 300 tulips in the front yard with another 200 tulips in the back. Retirement has given him the time to add to the landscaping and to experiment with a wide variety of plants. A recent trip to Italy prompted the addition of container plants to their balconies, adding a Mediterranean influence. This Beautification winner is an excellent example of the evolution of a mature landscape.